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## CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION

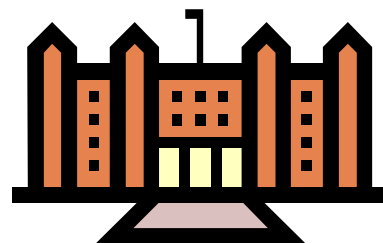
Executive Director Ben Bishop announced some changes in the management structure of the Gambling Commission effective September 7. This change was made after six months of overall organizational analysis and three weeks of intense and focused study. The changes being implemented involve:

- Financial Reporting Services (FRS) will be moved to the Policy and Government Affairs Division of the agency. They will be a separate unit within the Communications and Legal Department.
- The Communications Center (Licensing Technicians and Special Agents) will be placed in the Criminal Intelligence Unit within the Special Operations Division.
- The remainder of the Financial Investigations Unit (FIU) will be transferred as an operating entity from Licensing into the Special Operations Division. Special Agent Supervisor Monty Harmon, formerly assigned to the Yakima office, accepted a promotional position as the new Program Manager of the

FIU department and assumed his new duties at the beginning of October.

Over the next several months, Program Manager Harmon, Assistant Directors Cally Cass-Healy and Bob Berg will analyze certain FIU post licensing functions such as qualification reviews. The goal of this analysis will be to determine if our present structure in dealing with such reviews best implements the strategy of the Gambling Commission.

Our purpose in making these changes is to better meet our regulatory obligations in the current dynamic gambling environment, and to better fulfill our mission statement. The revised organizational chart can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. Ê



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**Senator Shirley Winsley**  
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## NEW LOOK FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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As evidenced by our front page, the newsletter is undergoing some updating. We have re-arranged some parts of the newsletter to give it a fresher look, and are introducing a new logo. We have also temporarily renamed the newsletter "Focus On Gambling." Anyone with a more creative offering is encouraged to contribute.

Our newsletter staff is always looking for ideas that will make our bi-monthly messages relevant to our licensees. If you have any suggestions for new articles or features, contact our Newsletter Editor, Cindy Reed, at P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504, or by email at [cindyr@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:cindyr@wsgc.wa.gov). É

## INDUSTRY TASK FORCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

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The most recent meeting of the Industry Task Force on Problem Gambling was held September 21. Gary Hanson, Executive Director of the Washington Council on Problem Gambling, distributed a video script being developed for use in employee awareness training. He also announced that the Council is developing a course for problem gambling awareness that can be offered to any employee group.

Maureen Greeley, the State Lottery representative, presented some drafts of brochures and posters that are in the process of being created to replace the current problem gambling brochures.

The task force is recommending that all businesses engaged in gambling develop and implement a problem gambling policy. This policy should be combined with a class to train employees as to what the business expects the employee to do when they suspect a player or another employee may be exhibiting signs that they are having difficulty maintaining control over their gambling habits. The Council is developing awareness classes, and began offering them in October. Anyone interested in learning more about these classes or who wishes to attend the next Industry Task Force meeting on December 14 should contact Gary Hanson at (800) 547-6133. É

## SATELLITE BINGO UPDATE

*By Laura Rau, Nonprofit Coordinator*

Satellite Bingo is now up and running. The first game was played on September 3, 1999, at 1 p.m..

For those who are not familiar with Satellite Bingo, also known as linked bingo, this type of bingo game resulted from passage of a series of rules in late 1998 that became effective January 1, 1999. Linked bingo offers a means for bingo halls to join together and offer a simultaneously played bingo game in several bingo halls. The specifics for offering this type of game can be found in WAC 230-20-225.

Although there have been minor glitches now and then, the halls have been doing an excellent job adjusting to the new game and fitting it into their regular schedules. It has taken some time for players, hall employees, and Washington Charity Satellite Bingo to work out the kinks, but the game appears to be running pretty smoothly now. Everyone is hopeful that more players will become involved in this exciting new game.

Statewide, there are currently 41 halls participating in the game. Satellite Bingo is

played every day of the week at 1 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. Currently, the bonus prize jackpot is building up to a \$25,000 afternoon game prize and a \$50,000 evening game prize. The accrual is based on a percentage of all gross sales. Once the accrual reaches \$25,000 or \$50,000, it will turn into a "must go" prize, giving players a greater chance to win every five days. One main prize, averaging \$1,000 per afternoon session and \$4,000 per evening session, is awarded each game. In addition, a \$100 consolation prize is awarded at each hall. This prize structure may change as more bingo halls become involved.

If your hall is interested in joining Satellite Bingo, you may contact Washington Charity Satellite at (253) 872-4407. At this time, this is the only company that has obtained the license necessary to provide the linked bingo service to bingo operators.   É



## BINGO EQUIPMENT TO BE USED/ RANDOM SELECTION OF BINGO BALLS

*By Larry Boyd, Spokane Office Supervisor*

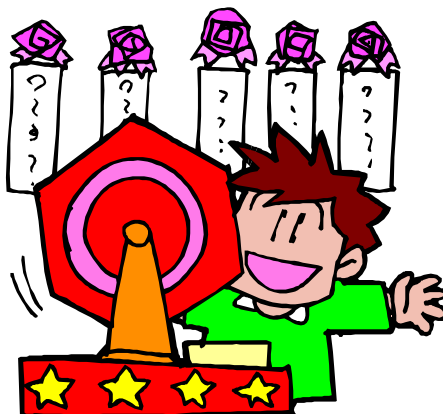
While inspecting the mechanical airflow devices at several bingo licensees, Commission staff determined a number of the airflow mixing devices could be manipulated to change the random selection of the balls. The manipulation involved placing a hand or other object over the ball exit receptacle to shut off airflow. Once the airflow was interrupted, the ball in the exit receptacle dropped back into the device. This condition is not allowed as it gives a bingo caller the opportunity to have control over the ball selection process.

WAC 230-20-240(1)(a)(b) requires bona fide charitable or nonprofit licensees conducting bingo activities to utilize certain bingo equipment, dependent upon the licensing level of the operator. Class D and above licensees must use a mechanical device that uses air flow for mixing and randomly withdrawing balls to determine the letters and numbers or symbols to be called. Subsection (2) states that the operation of the machine cannot be interrupted to change the random placement of the balls at the exit receptacle of the device, except when the device is shut off to verify a winning bingo per WAC 230-20-246.

To prevent a violation of this rule, bingo operators at any licensing level utilizing this type of equipment should contact their bingo equipment distributor to have the device changed to prevent this condition. The best remedy is to have holes drilled in the exit receptacle to allow airflow to continue, which holds the ball in the exit receptacle.

While reviewing these bingo machine requirements, bingo hall operators should also ensure that:

- Participants have a full view of the mixing action of the balls (230-20-240); and,
- Upon a bingo player declaring a winning bingo, the next ball out of the machine is removed from the machine prior to shutting the machine off and is the next ball to be called in the event the declared winning bingo is not valid (230-20-246).  
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## GET TO KNOW THE COMMISSION STAFF

*This article explaining the qualification and training program for Gambling Commission Special Agents is the first of several to outline the ways in which our staff train for and perform their duties. If there is a part of the Gambling Commission you would like to learn more about, contact Communications Coordinator/Newsletter Editor, Cindy Reed, in the Lacey Office.*

### **Training Program for Special Agents Of the Washington State Gambling Commission**

*By Leonard Junk, Training Supervisor*

To become a Special Agent for the Washington State Gambling Commission, an applicant must meet stringent requirements and then successfully complete an intensive application process. The application process includes a polygraph exam and psychological testing.

Upon hiring, the new agent will be provided with an initial agency orientation, as well as being advised of the continuing training requirements for the agency. Within the first 90 days of employment, the agency provides an additional 48 hours of training on the agency's Use of Force program, including a thorough review of the agency's Use of Force policy. It also includes training in Defensive Tactics, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray, First Aid, and Firearms training, in which an agent must qualify with their agency issued weapon. Agents receive annual refresher training in these areas, as well as Tactical Training, Mock Scenes exercises and Night Firing. They must qualify twice each year with their firearm.

During the first six months of employment the agent will complete the agency Field Training Officers (FTO) program. Agents train and work with a supervisor or an experienced agent to learn about the daily duties and responsibilities of their current position, specific to the division to which the agent is assigned.

After successfully completing the FTO program and the Use of Force training, agents are commissioned by the Executive Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, with the powers to enforce state gaming laws under RCW 9.46.020. Those laws relate to the

conduct of, or participation in, gambling/gaming activities, and the manufacture, importation, transportation, distribution, possession, and sales of equipment or paraphernalia used in connection with gambling.

After about six months of employment with the Washington State Gambling Commission, the agency submits names of qualified agents to the Criminal Justice Training Commission to attend the next available Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) in Burien or Spokane. At the academy, agents receive 440 hours (approximately 12 weeks) of training in personal skills, tactical skills, applied social sciences, legal knowledge and professional development.

Once agents have successfully completed the core curriculum and graduated from BLEA, they receive State Certification from the Training Commission that they are a qualified Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Washington.

Agents continue with their training throughout their career by attending classes and conferences approved by their supervisor and the agency to expand their base knowledge and remain current in their areas of responsibility.

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## **Financial Reporting Services Reports**

The following licensees failed to submit their quarterly reports when due. They have submitted their reports now and paid the appropriate fine based on the number of late reports in the preceding two-year period.

11th Frame Restaurant & Lounge/Bothell	\$300
Formosa Chinese Restaurant/Wenatchee	\$200
Cookie's Tavern/Bremerton	\$200
Lorenza's Italian Restaurant/Buckley	\$200
Alligator Pub and Grill/Tacoma	\$200
Opal Tavern/Tacoma	\$100
Satellite Restaurant & Lounge/Kennewick	\$100
Cactus Jack's/Chelan	\$100
Tony's Boondox Tavern/Longview	\$100
Albertini's/Spokane	\$100
Dave's Place/Everett	\$100
American Legion #00155/Longview	\$100

### **Schedule of Fines**

First Offense.....	\$100
Second Offense.....	\$200
Third Offense.....	\$300
Fourth Offense.....	\$400

*Subsequent offenses may lead to loss of license*

## **Washington State Gambling Commission 1999 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE**

**November 30 & December 1**

**Port Ludlow Conference Center**  
9483 Oak Bay Road  
Port Ludlow, WA -- (360) 437-2222

*Note: November meeting has been changed to November 30 & December 1.*

## **Washington State Gambling Commission**

### **2000 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE**

**January 13 & 14**

**Heathman Lodge**

7801 NE Greenwood Drive  
Vancouver, WA 98662 – (360) 254-3100

**February 10 & 11**

**Howard Johnson/Everett Pacific Hotel**

3105 Pine Street  
Everett, WA 98201 – (425) 339-3333

**March 9 & 10**

**The Inn at Semiahmoo**

9565 Semiahmoo Parkway  
Blaine, WA 98230-9326 – (360) 371-2000

**April 13 & 14**

**Pasco Double Tree Hotel**

252 North 20th Ave  
Pasco, WA 99301 – (509) 547-0701

**May 11 & 12**

**LaConner Country Inn**

107 S. Second Street  
LaConner, WA 98257- (360) 466-3101

**June 8 & 9**

**Cavanaugh's Inn at Park**

303 W. North River Drive  
Spokane, WA 99202 – (509) 326-8000

**July 13 & 14**

**WestCoast Bellevue Hotel**

625 – 116th Avenue N.E.  
Bellevue, WA 98004 – (425) 455-9444

**August 10 & 11**

**The Inn at Gig Harbor**

3211 56th St NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335 – (253) 858-1111

**September 14 & 15**

**WestCoast Wenatchee Center Hotel**

201 North Wenatchee Avenue  
Wenatchee, WA 98801 – (509) 662-1234

**October 12 & 13**

**WestCoast Silverdale Hotel**

3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road  
Silverdale, WA 98383 – (360) 698-1000

**November 16 & 17**

**Shilo Inn**

707 Ocean Shores Blvd. NW  
Ocean Shores, WA 98569 – (360) 289-4600

*No meeting in December, 2000.*



## WASHINGTON STATE GAMBLING COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS



LICENSEE	VIOLATION	CASE OUTCOME
Eric Bupp, CRE Seattle	Operating unauthorized house-banked blackjack.	The employee's license expired, and a hold was put on the file in case he applies again.
Delmonte's Tacoma	Failure to maintain proper control and accounting procedures.	The licensee served a fifteen day suspension and shall pay a fine of \$4,832.00.
Grumpy's Too Seattle	Operating unauthorized House-banked blackjack.	Summary Suspension issued. Licensee requested a stay of the suspension, which was denied. An administrative hearing was held and all gambling licenses were revoked.
Roxbury Restaurant Seattle	Operating unauthorized House-banked blackjack.	Summary Suspension issued. An Agreed Order was signed. The licensee may not reapply for a card room license for 5 years and has paid a fine of \$12,512.50.
Sportsworld Grill & Lounge Kent	Operating unauthorized House-banked blackjack.	Summary Suspension issued. An Agreed Order was signed. The licensee may not reapply for a card room license for 5 years and has paid a fine of \$12,512.50.
Kevin Steele, CRE Richland	Denial	A hearing was held. The licensee's application was denied.
Western R Café Tacoma	Operating punchboards/pull tabs without a license.	A Settlement in Lieu of Charges was signed by the parties. The operator was issued a two year conditional license.

### Mission Statement

**The Gambling Commission regulates and controls gambling activities within the state of Washington and, in partnership with other law enforcement agencies, restrains criminal activities associated with unlawful gambling.**



## COMMISSION RULES

**The following rules were discussed at the August, September and October meetings. They will be up for final action at the November/December meeting.**

### **Promotional Contests of Chance**

#### **WAC 230-46-020 Definitions.**

Language was added to clarify that the specific business, product or service the promotional contest of chance is designed to promote cannot be a gambling activity (such as pull-tabs). Furthermore, language was added so that a "coupon" or "entry blank" is defined to include "promotional game cards" and "disposable bingo cards."

#### **WAC 230-46-035 Promotional contests of chance – Interpretations – Requirements for participation – Restrictions.**

This new rule clarifies what a person may be required to do to enter a promotional contest of chance. It also explains how the staff interprets various provisions of the law concerning allowable methods of entry.

#### **WAC 230-46-045 Conduct of lotteries similar to bingo as a promotional activity – "No Fee Bingo."**

In November 1996, we received requests from commercial licensees to conduct what is commonly referred to in other states as "no fee bingo" or "bar bingo." At that time, staff reviewed this and felt that it could be conducted as a promotional contest of chance if certain restrictions were followed, such as not charging an entry fee, awarding non-cash nominal prizes, and getting an "approval letter" from commission staff. Originally, most businesses only conducted these activities a few times a week.

In March 1999, we began getting more requests

from businesses who wanted to offer "no fee bingo" up to seven times a week. These rules allow "no fee bingo" to occur as a promotional contest of chance. Although an "approval letter" from staff is no longer required, certain conditions must be met, so that this will be a limited activity.

#### **WAC 230-20-192 Standards for disposable bingo cards – Definitions.**

This rule needed to be amended to allow licensed distributors to sell disposable bingo cards to commercial businesses for promotional contests of chance.

### **Age Limit to Participate in Gambling Activities**

#### **WAC 230-12-027 Age limit to participate in gambling activities.**

A new rule was written to clearly set forth the exceptions for a minor to participate in gambling activities. The age requirements set forth in WAC 230-12-030 and WAC 230-20-210 have been moved to this rule, while RCW 9.46.0331 and WAC 230-12-183 were referenced. Now all age restrictions are addressed in one rule and will be easier to find.

Recently, we received a Petition for Rule Change from Mr. Del Mastro. He was concerned with bingo advertisements directed at minors. At the October meeting, the Commission addressed Mr. Del Mastro's concerns by amending this rule. Language was added to require bingo advertisements, which are directed at minors, to include the requirement that a minor must be accompanied by their parent or guardian at bingo games.

#### **WAC 230-12-030**

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### **No beer or liquor as prizes.**

This rule sets forth the restrictions for offering liquor as a gambling prize. Language referring to age restrictions has been removed and incorporated into a new rule (WAC 230-12-027 above).

Language was added to clarify that the Liquor Control Board does not allow liquor to be given away, which includes giving liquor away as a prize for gambling activities.

### **WAC 230-20-210   \*\*REPEALED\*\* Age limit for bingo.**

This rule addresses the age restrictions for a person to participate in bingo games. This rule is no longer needed, as all age restrictions are now addressed in a one rule (See WAC 230-12-027 above).

### **The following rules were filed at the October meeting and will be up for final action at the meeting on November 30.**

#### **Increase In Licensing Fees**

After reviewing the agency's budget, staff has determined that a fee increase of approximately 3.32% is needed to cover budget requirements. At the October meeting, the Commission authorized the following rules to be filed. We anticipate the rules will become effective December 31, 1999. Due to the anticipated effective date, the final vote will be held the end on November 30.

**WAC 230-04-202 - Fees – Bona fide charitable/nonprofit organizations.**

**WAC 230-04-203 - Fees – Commercial stimulant and other business organizations.**

**WAC 230-04-204 - Fees – Individuals.**

**WAC 230-04-133 -Punch board and pull-tab service business--Registration required— Procedures--Restrictions.**

**WAC 230-04-206 - Fees – Linked bingo prize providers and linked bingo prize provider representatives.**

These rule changes increase the licensing fees that bona fide charitable/nonprofit organizations, commercial stimulant, and individuals must submit to the commission when applying for gambling licenses.

WAC 230-04-203 was amended to include the licensing fees for enhanced card rooms. Furthermore, the licensing fees for gambling service suppliers (WAC 230-04-119) and linked bingo prize providers and their representatives (WAC 230-04-206) have been moved to this rule; now all commercial stimulant fees are included in one rule.

**WAC 230-04-198   \*\* REPEALED\*\*  
Refund of overpayment of license fees.**

In October 1998, licensing fees were reduced. This rule was needed to issue refunds to licensees who had submitted licensing fees in excess of the new fee amounts. All refunds have been issued and this rule is now obsolete.

#### **Gambling Service Suppliers**

**At the October meeting, the Commission authorized the following rules to be filed. They will be up for discussion at the November/December meeting and for final action in January 2000.**

**If passed, they will become effective July 1, 2000.**

**WAC 230-02-205 - Gambling service supplier defined.**

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### **WAC 230-04-119 - Licensing of gambling service suppliers.**

In the past, it has been unclear whether a businesses that assembles and supplies gambling components to licensed manufacturers should be licensed as a gambling service supplier or a manufacturer. This change clarifies that these businesses shall be licensed as a gambling service supplier.

Furthermore, dealer schools shall now be licensed as a gambling service supplier and the trainers licensed as gambling service supplier representatives. Ë

## **UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE ROUNDTABLE**

***Report from Senator Margarita Prentice, Ex-Officio Member***

On September 22, the Legislative Roundtable met in Renton to discuss issues related to the enhanced card rooms. Along with presentations by card room operators, there were also comments from the mayors of Renton and Tukwila, a council member from SeaTac, and the Kent city attorney. Members of the task force took a tour of two card rooms to view the layout and surveillance requirements.

Many issues related to the enhanced program were discussed. As a consequence of some of these issues, the Recreational Gaming Association (RGA) and several cities are working on draft legislation that would clarify land use and zoning concerns as they relate to the card rooms.

The October 19 meeting in Yakima provided information about three topics: the State Lottery, the legislative agenda for the Washington Civic and Charitable Gaming Association (WCCGA), and Problem Gambling. During the presentation by Lottery Director Merritt Long, the legislators asked several questions related to the funds earmarked to

sports stadiums and possible future earmarking proposals. A handout was provided giving the history of lotteries in general, as well as the demographics of players in Washington and fund allocation. The draft of new problem gambling posters was also shown to the legislators.

The WCCGA indicated that their group, comprised of the charitable/nonprofit gambling industry, would be bringing forth a request in the next legislative session to change the bingo date limitation. The request will be to continue to limit an organization to conducting bingo games three days a week, but to allow joint use of a bingo facility for up to six days a week by other organizations. WCCGA is also considering a request to allow a variation on the satellite bingo games.

The last four hours of the Roundtable was devoted to the issue of problem gambling. Dr. Rachel Volberg explained the methods used to conduct the most recent Adult and Adolescent Prevalence surveys and made comparisons to

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the survey conducted six years previously. The Washington State Council on Problem Gambling outlined the types of services they provide for training mental health providers, public awareness, and the helpline. Lack of referral options for problem gambling treatment was often cited as the primary challenge for this nonprofit agency. A panel of recovering gamblers and two spouses of addicted gamblers told their stories to the assembled legislators and audience, giving their recommendations for legislation in the field, including requests for in-state treatment facilities. Another panel was made up of industry representatives who expressed their support of the problem gambling programs.

The last meeting of the task force will take place on November 16 in Everett. The topic will be Tribal Gaming. Additionally, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) will review horse racing simulcasts.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Catherine Mele (360) 786-7470 or Pam Madson (360) 786-7166 for the location and times of the meeting. È

## Rules Note...



**Attached to this newsletter  
is the  
1999 Legislation reducing the  
bingo and raffle tax  
from 10% to 5%.**

**Please remove it from  
the newsletter and place it  
into the appropriate section  
of your rules manual  
as required by WAC 230-12-080.**

**RCW 9.46.110 Taxation of gambling activities--Limitations--Restrictions on punch boards and pull-tabs--Lien. (Effective January 1, 2000.)** (1) The legislative authority of any county, city-county, city, or town, by local law and ordinance, and in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter, may provide for the taxing of any gambling activity authorized by this chapter within its jurisdiction, the tax receipts to go to the county, city-county, city, or town so taxing the activity. Any such tax imposed by a county alone shall not apply to any gambling activity within a city or town located in the county but the tax rate established by a county, if any, shall constitute the tax rate throughout the unincorporated areas of such county.

(2) The operation of punch boards and pull-tabs are subject to the following conditions:

(a) Chances may only be sold to adults;

(b) The price of a single chance may not exceed one dollar;

(c) No punch board or pull-tab license may award as a prize upon a winning number or symbol being drawn the opportunity of taking a chance upon any other punch board or pull-tab;

(d) All prizes available to be won must be described on an information flare. All merchandise prizes must be on display within the immediate area of the premises in which any such punch board or pull-tab is located. Upon a winning number or symbol being drawn, a merchandise prize must be immediately removed from the display and awarded to the winner. All references to cash or merchandise prizes, with a value over twenty dollars, must be removed immediately from the information flare when won, or such omission shall be deemed a fraud for the purposes of this chapter; and

(e) When any person wins money or merchandise from any punch board or pull-tab over an amount determined by the commission, every licensee shall keep a public record of the award for at least ninety days containing such information as the commission shall deem necessary.

(3)(a) Taxation of bingo and raffles shall never be in an amount greater than ten percent of the gross receipts from a bingo game or raffle less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes.

(b) Taxation of amusement games shall only be in an amount sufficient to pay the actual costs of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter by the county, city or town law enforcement agency and in no event shall such taxation exceed two percent of the gross receipts from the amusement game less the amount awarded as prizes.

(c) No tax shall be imposed under the authority of this chapter on bingo or amusement games when such activities or any combination thereof are conducted by any bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization as defined in this chapter, which organization has no paid operating or management personnel and has gross receipts from bingo or amusement games, or a combination thereof, not exceeding five thousand dollars per year, less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes.

(d) No tax shall be imposed on the first ten thousand dollars of gross receipts less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes from raffles conducted by any bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization as defined in this chapter.

(e) Taxation of punch boards and pull-tabs for bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations is based on gross receipts from the operation of the games less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes, and shall not exceed a rate of ten percent. At the

option of the county, city-county, city, or town, the taxation of punch boards and pull-tabs for commercial stimulant operators may be based on gross receipts from the operation of the games, and may not exceed a rate of five percent, or may be based on gross receipts from the operation of the games less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes, and may not exceed a rate of ten percent.

(f) Taxation of social card games may not exceed twenty percent of the gross revenue from such games.

(4) Taxes imposed under this chapter become a lien upon personal and real property used in the gambling activity in the same manner as provided for under RCW 84.60.010. The lien shall attach on the date the tax becomes due and shall relate back and have priority against real and personal property to the same extent as ad valorem taxes. [1997 c 394 § 4; 1994 c 301 § 2; 1991 c 161 § 1; 1987 c 4 § 39. Prior: 1985 c 468 § 2; 1985 c 172 § 1; 1981 c 139 § 8; 1977 ex.s. c 198 § 1; 1974 ex.s. c 155 § 8; 1974 ex. s. c 135 § 8; 1973 1st ex.s. c 218 § 11.]

**NOTES:**

**Severability--1981 c 139:** See note following RCW 9.46.070.

**Severability--1974 ex.s. c 155:** See note following RCW 9.46.010.

## WASHINGTON STATE GAMBLING COMMISSION YEAR 2000 CONTINGENCY PLAN

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The purpose of the Gambling Commission's contingency plan is to ensure procedures are in place for managing potential Y2K disruptions that could impact or disrupt agency operations.

In October 1997, Governor Locke directed state government to prepare for the Y2K date change. He instructed agencies to maintain the continuity of critical government services into the year 2000 and beyond. As part of this process, Governor Locke required agencies to identify all their services that have an immediate impact on public or employee health, safety, benefit payments, or vital business services. He identified his Y2K goals as:

- ♦ No interruption of vital business services
- ♦ No loss of accountability for public resources

The agency Y2K planning group determined that the Gambling Commission does not provide a vital business service as defined by the Governor. Therefore, a contingency plan for

vital services is not required. Agency contingency planning focuses on internal and external factors that may have a potential impact on our customer services and our staff.

Licensing Services will be sending out a notification letter within the next month advising licensees of the potential impacts to new or renewal license processing, or other transactions affecting a license. This information will include what actions the agency is taking to mitigate any problems that might occur, including loss of phone service or power. A copy of this letter will also appear on the agency web site. If your license is scheduled to renew at the end of December, or if you have any payments due by that date or early January 2000, it would be prudent to send your check in early. Ê







## Mandatory Training – Fourth Quarter 1999

### Northwest Region (425) 776-6751, Ext. 221

Date / Location	Time	Class Title
<b>Oct. 14, Nov. 4, Dec. 9</b> Renton Community Center 1715 Maple Valley Hwy. Renton, WA	8:00 am – 9:30 am 9:30 am – 11:30 am 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Cardrooms Punch Boards / Pull-Tabs Raffles
<b>Oct. 6</b> Lynnwood City Admin. Hall 19100 44 <sup>th</sup> Avenue W. Lynnwood, WA	8:00 am – 9:30 am 9:30 am – 11:30 am 11:30 am – 12:30 pm 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Cardrooms Punch Boards / Pull-Tabs Raffles Bingo
<b>Nov. 3</b> Squalicum Harbor Center 1802 Roeder Bellingham WA	9:00 am – 10:30 am 10:45 am – 11:45 am 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Punch Boards / Pull-Tabs Raffles Bingo

### Eastern Region (509) 456-3167, Ext. 228

Date/Location	Time	Class Title
<b>Oct. 5, Nov. 3, Dec. 1</b> Days Inn 4212 W. Sunset Blvd. Spokane, WA	8:00 am – 9:30 am	Cardrooms
	<b>Remainder of training topics will be at Spokane office (see below).</b>	
<b>Oct. 5, Nov. 3, Dec. 1</b> Gambling Commission Office N. 901 Monroe, Suite 240 Spokane, WA	9:45 am – 11:45 am 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Punch Boards / Pull-Tabs Bingo Raffles ( <b>Oct. 5 &amp; Dec. 1 ONLY</b> )
<b>Dec. 14</b> Department of Transportation 2830 Euclide Avenue Wenatchee WA	8:00 am – 9:30 am 9:45 am – 11:45 am 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Cardrooms Punch Boards / Pull-Tabs Bingo Raffles
<b>Nov. 16</b> Department of Transportation 900 E. Selah Road Yakima, WA	8:00 am – 9:30 am 9:45 am – 11:45 am 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Cardrooms Punch Boards / Pull-Tabs Bingo Raffles
<b>Oct. 12</b> P.U.D. Building Hwy. 395 and 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Kennewick WA	8:00 am – 9:30 am 9:45 am – 11:45 am 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Cardrooms Punch Boards / Pull-Tabs Bingo Raffles

### Southwest Region (253) 471-5312, Ext. 221

Date / Location	Date/Time	Class Title
<b>Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8</b> South Park Community Center 4851 S. Tacoma Way Tacoma, WA	8:00 am – 9:30 am 9:45 am – 11:45 am 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm 3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	Cardrooms Punch Boards / Pull-Tabs Bingo Raffles Cardrooms
<b>Dec. 7</b> Double Tree Hotel Exit 39 off I-5 510 Kelso Drive Kelso, WA	8:00 am – 9:30 am 9:45 am – 11:45 am 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Cardrooms Punch Boards / Pull-Tabs Bingo Raffles

**Commercial Amusement Games – Class B and Above:** Call your local Region office regarding Mandatory Training scheduling.





## Operational Questions/Regional Offices

<b>Lynnwood</b>	(425) 776-6751	<b>Tacoma</b>	(253) 471-5312	<b>Spokane</b>	(509) 456-3167
<b>Bellingham</b>	(360) 738-6203	<b>Yakima</b>	(509) 575-2820	<b>Wenatchee</b>	(509) 662-0435

### Headquarters

**Lacey (800) 345-2529 or (360) 438-7654**

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\* Call the closest regional office listed above

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